

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

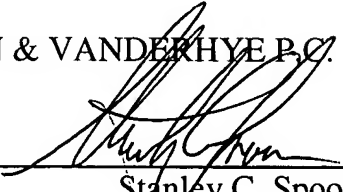
The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies to reduce filing fees.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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